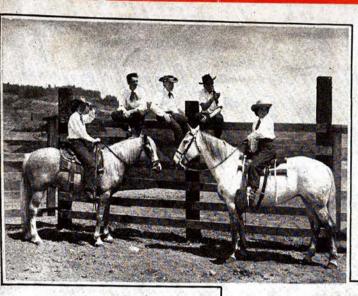


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Place: Woodminster Clubhouse Joaquin Miller Park



#### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Folks, we have something to live up to this year, and it is up to each and everyone of us to do our share. Our horse shows of the past have been most successful, and we are going to have to work hard to equal them, let alone surpass them.

This year, while it is true we are planning the program according to the usual list of events we are also stressing something more. That is that we are going into this show with vision. We are hoping for even greater recognition by producing a show that is impersonal, broad in its conception, original in its planning.

I believe that George Walling, horse show manager, and his competent committees are going to produce such a show. I believe that this coming show will depict the present equine situation in this greatest of all equine states.

In years past, for instance, we have thrilled at mounted Junior groups at other shows. This year we will have our own Junior parade unit proudly wearing our M.H.A. colors. Last year we put on the greatest mounted parade that the city of Oakland had ever seen. This year's parade promises to dwarf the 1948 parade, with a greater number of riders participating and with more novel entries. This will result in greater public interest.

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#### OUR COVER

With everyone very show-minded these days, the photographer caught officers of the M.H.A. and the M.H.A. Juniors on the trail as they paused to talk things over.

In the upper left corner can be seen officers of the Junior group. They include, left to right, Shirley Rock, president; Ronnie Donniway, vice president; Barbara Alberts, secretary; Cotton Feliz, parade captain; and Janet Phillips, treasurer.

Officers of the senior association, shown in the lower right hand corner are, left to right, Heber Brown, vice-president; Bill Pray, treasurer, and Jim Myers, president.

colt. beautiful shown The the center, is Mrs. Blanche Paul's two-year-old registered Saddlebred, "Rhythm's Rhapsody", out of Rhythm Girl and by Red Kalarama. While his owner is just starting to ride him, we can look forward to hearing much about him in the future.

Cover pictures were made by Hal Matson, photographer, and planned by Mrs. Paul, who is responsible for all of the excellent publicity for the coming show. Thanks to Charlie Logue for the art work, and for many of the pictures appearing in the Trail Blazer throughout the year.

#### EVENTS

May 27-30-Sonora, H. Show & Rodeo

May 29-Palo Alto, Horse Show

May 31-June 5-L. A., Horse Show

May 30-M.H.A. Field Day

June 5-Salinas, Jr. Rodeo

June 5-El Cajon, Horse Show

June 5-Berkeley, Horse Show

June 5-San Jose, Rodeo

June 5-Los Altos, Horse Show

June 3-5-Tracy, Frontier Days

June 11-12-Livermore, Rodeo

June 12—Healdsburg, Horse Show & Dog Trials

June 12-Santa Cruz, Horse Show

June 16-19-Salinas, Rodeo

June 19-Novato, Horse Show

June 19-Roseville, Horse Show

June 22-25-Merced, Yosemite Ride

June 25-26-Oakland, Horse Show

July 4 nite-Modesto, Horse Show

July 2-4-Redwood City, Rodeo

June 27 - July 4-Del Mar, Horse Show

July 12-17-Sta. Barbara, Horse Show

Sept. 3-Lodi, Dance

Sept. 25-M.H.A. Chuck Wagon Breakfast - Wild West Show.

Sweet Young Thing (disgustedly): "My boy friend has cold feet".

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Members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association, Chairmen of Committees, Officers, and Members of the Board of Directors:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Last year the officials of the City of Oakland and the members of the Park Board requested that the President of this Association appoint an Arena Committee through which the Park Board and the city officials might transact all business pertaining to the Horsemen and themselves.

A Committee was formed consisting of the past Presidents of the Association with the present President to always act as Chairman of the Committee. In this way, each year's President of the Association would also be Chairman of this Committee so that all parties concerned would be kept informed at all times.

It has been called to our attention that individual members of the Association, Chairmen of Committees and Directors recently have been contacting the Park Board and city officials direct and the matter is only referred back to this special Committee. It is, therefore, requested as a time-saver for all parties concerned that whenever anyone has any requests to be made, they first be sent to the President of the Association who in turn will take the subject up with the proper persons.

Your cooperation in this connection will assist in maintaining good public relations between us and our city officials.

Sincerely yours,

Fresident, Metropolitan Horsemen's Association

## OAKLAND POLICE CHIEF TO HEAD PRE-SHOW PARADE

Plan now to be in the big pre-horse show parade schcduled for downtown Oakland on Thursday evening, June 23. All members of mounted units, everyone owning a horse-drawn vehicle, and all M.H.A. members with horses are urged to contact Don Schwimley, Parade chairman, at Horse Show Headquarters, 2713 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, and tell him what they will enter.

Last year's parade, the organization's first attempt at a pre-show parade, made a fine showing, and the committee hopes to make this year's parade both bigger and better.

Chief of Police Lester J. Divine has accepted an invitation to mount a horse for the occasion and head the parade with our president, Jim Myers. All officers and members of the Executive Board of the M.H.A. will be mounted as a group directly behind Chief Divine. The order of following units has not been worked out as the Trail Blazer goes to press, but there will be a place for every horseman in the parade.

An invitation to outside drill units and mounted groups has been extended and it is hoped that many horsemen from surrounding communities will join us.

#### See You at the Show



### COMMITTEES COMPLETED AND BUSY AT WORK

Enthusiasm has reached a high peak as committees work out the final details on the coming seventh annual M.H.A. Horse Show, June 25 and 26. Committees and their chairmen deserve a lot of credit in making a success of any show, according to George Walling, Horse Show Manager.

Finance Chairman Willis Pray has as his assistants Martin Murray and Art Palmer. The Press and Publicity committee, headed by Jim Myers, includes Blanche Paul who is writing the newspaper publicity; Don Schwimley in charge of the prehorse show parade on Thursday evening, June 23; J. Hampton Ford who will again take care of display advertising, and Mary Gale

Charles W. Gray, Program chairman, has on his committee W. J. Senecal, Joe Stern, and Lawrence J. Lovier.

#### Ticket Committee Named

The Tickets committee, headed by Ted Dreyer, includes: Charles Hibbard, A. B. Graham, Dave Jones, Irvin Hansen, Ted Sciacqua, Mary Gale, Mrs. Emmett Boger, Mrs. Clarence Simons, Mrs. Willis Pray and Mrs. Don Schwimley.

In addition Mrs. Joe Stern will be in charge of plans for the underprivileged and crippled children; the East Lake Kiwanis club will plan transportation, and G. Howard Robinson and Don Marquis will serve as the committee for the box seats.

Serving as ushers will be several members of the M.H.A. Juniors. They will include Leslie Groat, Jill Pratt, Jean Smith, Corrine Smith, Janet Phillips and Phoebe Brown.

#### Juniors To Assist

The Grounds committee, headed by Heber James Brown, includes Henry Rubenstein as ring superintendent, Don Marquis, Mike Feliz, A. W. Himmelman, and Elsa Himmelman. Junior members on the Grounds committee who will act as the ring crew are: Cotton Feliz, Heber Brown, Jr., Wm. (Bill) Bernard, Donald Leslie, Ronnie Dunniway, and Ronnie Pinental.

Don Schwimley, chairman of Classes and Events, has on his committee Jim Black, Deane Burton, Mary Lou Hutton, James Ormond, Bill Patten, Kay Walling, Cotton Feliz, and Barbara Alberts.

#### Simons Heads Trophy Group

The Trophies and Ribbons committee is headed by Clarence Simons, assisted by Harold Knudsen, Charles W. Gray, Frank Kelly, Willis Pray and Lucille Simons.

Each member not on a committee can do his share to make the show a success by buying several tickets for himself and friends, and by entering his horses in all classes in which they are eligible.

### 7th Annual MHA Show Expected to Draw Record Attendance, Interest

The Classes and Events committee of your coming Horse Show on June 25 and 26, has been working hard for the past two months, and according to Don Schwimley, chairman, every effort was made to work out, not only an entertaining program, but also one in which each member will be able to participate.

Members working with Mr. Schwimley include: Jim Black, Deane Burton, Mary Lou Hutton, James Ormond, Bill Patten, and Kay Walling, plus two active Junior members, Cotton Feliz and Barbara Alberts.

Colorful Pageantry

The show will open both days with a colorful parade of all mounted groups within our organization. Drills will be given by the Aahmes Shrine Mounted Patrol and the Shongehon Riders, of Mills College. The Saturday matinee, opening at 1 pm., which is a complete program for Junior horsemen under 17 years of age, will be opened by the M.H.A. Junior Parade group. Special events to add a dash of excitement to the program will be exhibitions in calf roping and bronc riding.

Entry blanks were mailed out to members of the M.H.A. the first week in May. Additional blanks may be secured through Horse Show headquarters, the office of Horse Show Manager George Walling, 2713 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland. Telephone: GLencourt 1-8000. You are urged to get your entries in early, so that your name can be entered in the souvenir program being planned.

#### Children's Show Saturday

Events scheduled for Saturday, the All Children's show, include jumpers, stock horses, pleasure horses, trail horses, musical stalls, pairs, bareback horsemanship, and a balloon busting contest, plus two equitation classes, one for riders under 10 years and the other for riders over 10 and under 17 years of age. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded as prizes.

The Sunday show, also opening at 1 p.m., for adult riders will feature nine events including hunters, palominos and pintos, matched pairs, western trail horses, pleasure horses (both Saddlebred and Thoroughbred types, judged separately), open jumpers, stock horses, parade horses and a walking race. A trophy and five ribbons will be awarded in each class.

## JUDGES, OFFICIALS RATE HIGH IN SHOW WORLD

Judges and officials for the coming twoday horse show to be held in the arena in Joaquin Miller Park, June 25 and 26, have been announced by George Walling, Horse Show Manager.

Judging all English and Equitation classes will be Joseph P. Cribbins, Reno rancher, who makes it a business of schooling hunters and jumpers and shipping them to the East Coast market. According to Manager Walling, Mr. Cribbins is a horseman of long standing, having hunted behind practically every pack of hounds on the East Coast. While living in Syossett, Long Island, he acted as secretary of the Meadowbrook Hunt Club.

Judged Many Shows

During the war, Mr. Cribbins was in the cavalry division and on the First army show team at Fort Bliss, Texas. More recently he has done an outstanding job judging shows in Northern California.

Judging Western classes will be a man well-known in show rings throughout the state, says Mr. Walling, Merle Mayberry, known to his friends as "Boots", formerly of Marysville and now managing the Garret-Buckly Ranch near Oakdale, has spent his entire life in breeding and raising cattle on ranches where the use of judgment of a good cow pony is part of every day's business.

Al St. John To Be Announcer

Our announcer, Al St. John, is second to none in Northern California. He has announced innumerable horse shows, rodeos and running races, and has been master of ceremonies at several Centennial celebrations. Mr. St. John is secretary of the recently formed West Solano County Fair Board.

Others officiating at our M.H.A. show the last Saturday and Sunday in June will be: Don Marquis, ring master; James Ormond, ring steward; Henry Rubenstein, ring superintendent; Kay Walling, ring clerk, and Mrs. Don Marquis, assistant ring clerk.

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To the Editor:

I just want to say a word or two about these Juniors of ours. I think they are really doing things up brown this year. Let's all get in and help them.

You know, if we just think back a few

years we can easily understand their en-thusiasm for parades. Also you, who are parents, know very well that while the youngsters are enthused that is the time to offer them help—not after they've had a few disappointments at not being able to transport their horses to a parade. So, those of you who are lucky enough to own a horse trailer, please share it sometime with one of your Junior members. You'll be repaid by the happiness you can see in his eyes.

Don't leave this up to a few. It's every adult's responsibility and money isn't all that's needed (Although that does help.) Call Kay Walling, KE. 4-9468, and ask her how you can help. She'll be very appreciative, I assure you.

Mr. Schoonover has kindly offered his time to help direct the drill team. Some of you men that have done that sort of thing before could give him a helping hand. You know it's a lot of work to produce a finished team.

So please give it some thought. Vacations don't last all summer. Come on in and help. It's a wonderful experience helping these young people and I guarantee you won't want to stop once you have started.

Onalee Phillips.

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Enclosed please find a check in payment for the Bit and Spur's advertisement to appear in the annual horse show edition.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Mary Gale and the Trail Blazer for the help and interest that we have received this year.

Sincerely,

Lucy C. Fiske, Publicity Manager. Bit and Spur Riding Group, Cressmont-at Mills College

## Junior Activities

## JUNIORS WIN FIRST TROPHY

Here's big news for all of you adults. The recently organized M.H.A. Junior parade group was awarded its first cup at the Castro Valley parade on Saturday, May 14. How about that?

There were 24 in the unit and they proved to be a fine looking bunch of youngsters. New straw hats, white shirts, bright green ties and blue jeans is their current attire while awaiting their adopted uniforms. Their horses were cleaned and brushed, their equipment shining, and they all looked bright and happy despite the fact that many of them had been up since before 6 a.m. But just ask any one of the bunch if he'd like to do it again and you get an answer right back, "When do we leave?"

It was a big thrill to stand on the curb and cheer for this new group. Cotton Feliz, captain, rides at the front and leads them in grand style. The color brearers are proud and smiling even though the wind blows the flag in their faces most of the

As is the usual procedure there were a few hard-working adults behind the scenes. These included Wes Cox, Brad Bradley and Mr. Feliz, who made two trips each way with their trailers in order to haul the horses; George Walling, who is always on hand when it comes to lending help; Don Marquis, who made a trip in from his ranch home, at Alamo, in order to loan his trailer for the occasion; and Mrs. Feliz and Mrs. Onalee Phillips who were there to aid Mrs. Kay Walling, junior adviser, with transportation and with the equipment. Mrs. Phillips was responsible for the green ties for the unit, and Mrs. Feliz helped block the hats in true cowboy style.

The parade group took part in the parade Sunday, May 22, at Calistoga and have accepted an invitation to participate in a similar parade at Alameda on June 5.

## Attention All Juniors! Next Regular Business Meeting Pinto Ranch Clubhouse Saturday, June 4, 1 P.M.

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## JUNIOR PARADE UNIT PLANS NEW UNIFORMS

With interest at a high pitch, members of the M.H.A. Juniors, in conjunction with their adviser, Kay Walling, and members of a committee from the senior board of directors, have announced plans for their new parade uniforms.

According to Mrs. Walling orders have already been placed for white gabardine shirts, which will feature green pearl buttons on the sleeves and front. Across the back of each shirt will appear the letters, "M.H.A. Juniors". Dark green felt hats, dark green ties, and Palomino chinks will complete the costumes.

Members of the unit, which appears in the pictorial section of this month's issue of the Trail Blazer include Ronnie Dunniway, Bill Bernard, Janet Phillips, Joann Ratto, Pat Rukavina, Shirley Johnstadt, Shirley Rock, Barbara Alberts, Annette Wright, Phoebe Brown, Barbara Brown, Shirley Isham, Jean Smith, Cotton Feliz, captain; Dan Leslie, Martin Skov, Ronnie Pinental, Corrine Smith, Jack Miller, Gene Urich and Joan Larsh.

"What we need now are sponsors", said Mrs. Walling. "While several members of M.H.A. have volunteered, we are badly in need of more. The approximate cost will be \$25.00 and this will insure a complete outfit for the paraders. In addition, sponsors are asked to be responsible for getting the junior to the parade. I am sure if you realized the pleasure these youngsters are getting from being members of such a unit it would be not only a pleasure, but a privilege to become one of their sponsors", she continued.

Measuring for the shirts was completed at a recent meeting at the Walling home, Mrs. Walling being assisted by Mrs. Margaret Rukavina.

## JUNIORS TURN OUT STRONG FOR HAY RIDE

With cooperation from everyone but the weather man, the M.H.A. Juniors, 50 strong, turned out for a gala hayride on May 13.

Following a merry, but rather chilly, ride the kids soon warmed up around a roaring fire at the Western Stables where an al fresco supper of salad, beans, milk and doughnuts was enjoyed. Later the older members of the group danced, while the younger ones of the crowd spent the time in acrobatics.

Kay Walling, junior adviser, says thanks to all who donated food and transportation. The kids say thanks, too, and let's have another hayride soon.

## M. H. A. Activities

## TRAIL DEDICATION TO HIGHLIGHT FIELD DAY

Dedicatory ceremonies, marking the inauguration of the York trail will be the highlight of the annual Field day for M.H.A. members on May 30. All uniformed units of M.H.A. will participate with Oakland city officials and the general public invited.

The program will get underway at 10 a.m. with registration, followed by the dedication at 10:30. Those planning to attend are requested to meet at the Portuguese flats and, following the ceremonies there, will ride to an unannounced surprise location for breakfast at 11:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served by the La Fiesta Catering Service from their chuck wagon.

The all-day affair will feature field day events, getting underway at 1:30 p.m., Ribbons will be presented for role bending, sack races, relay races, horse races, musical chairs, etc. There will also be entertainment

for the children.

The York trail, comprised of 15 acres donated by Mr. York, for a right of way will link the San Antonio Rancho and the Regional park. Built in the Hillcrest sub-division, the trail starts ¼ of a mile from San Antonio Rancho, at the old Bacon gate, runs across the Portuguese flats and out through the canyon to Skyline and Redwood boulevards. The trail has been constructed jointly by the Metropolitan Horsemen's association and the City of Oakland, with the city expecting to plant 100 trees along its length in the near future.

Plans for the field day are being made by Mr. Simons and his committee including Jim Myers, Heber Brown, Bill Pray, A. B.

Graham and Art Palmer.

#### **Invite Your Friends To Our Show**

Secretary's Mail Bag

As announced elsewhere in this issue, this is the last time that the Trail Blazer will be sent to 1948 members. Remember, the mailing list will be cut down to ONLY 1949 ACTIVE MEMBERS, so you folks who have not renewed, fill out the renewal blank and send along your dues. They should be sent to Bill Pray, treasurer, 1129 McKinley Avenue, Oakland.

We have several invitations from various organizations to attend or participate in

the following:

Sunday, May 29—Hunter trials at Cressmount.

June 4 and 5—Junior gymkhana club horse show, at San Mateo.

June 3, 4, and 5—Tracy Frontier Days. The parade and rodeo will be held on Sunday. Saturday evening—Junior Play Day with the Junior parade at 6:30 p.m., followed by the all-Junior show at 8 o'clock. All M.H.A. Juniors are urged to attend. Mrs. Walling, your adviser, has all of the information.

June 5-Vallejo Horsemen's Association

Calvalcade.

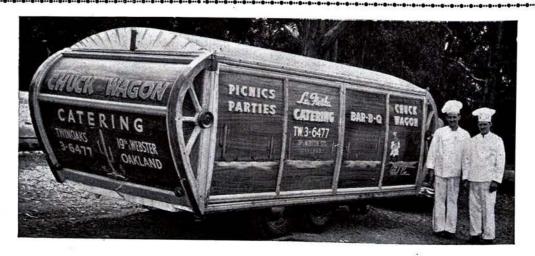
July 2, 3, and 4—Silverado parade and horse show—Calistoga.

July 4—Albany's fourth annual July 4th

parade at 10 a.m.

Well, members, the 4th always brings heaps of invitations. The country is parade minded and let's see what M.H.A. Juniors can do to bring glory to M.H.A. If you've seen them parade on practice, then be sure to be on hand to cheer them at future parades. Right here I want to tell you that Kay Walling, Junior adviser, has been working hard and now has a colorful parade unit for us all to watch. Good luck, Kay.

See you at our own M.H.A. Show. Mary Gale, Secretary.



## Membership News

#### CHOWN NAMED TO FILL BOARD VACANCY

Sydney V. Chown was named to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of M.H.A. occasioned by the resignation of Don Phelps, during the stated meeting of the board

held May 5.

Mr. Chown is well known in local horse circles having been a member of the East Bay Trails association some 30 years ago. This association also included the Piedmont Trails club, the group having been responsible for the building of the Piedmont Stables, in Redwood Canyon. In 1931 Mr. Chown instigated the building of the Piedmont trails and worked on the project himself while experimenting with var.ous tools for the Caterpillar company with which he was associated at that time.

While in the grocery business, on Liemert Blvd., Mr. Chown finds plenty of time for his horses, two Tennessee Walkers, a Sad-

dlebred mare and a Standard Bred.

Other business included plans for the coming show, with George Walling, horse show manager, present to outline plans for the program and to report progress of the various show committees.

Si Simons, activities chairman, stated that money is still coming in from the sale of dance tickets, with a profit of \$48.50 to date which will be turned over to the trail fund. Plans for the annual field day, on May 30,

were discussed.

Considerable discussion centered around Junior activities, with Kay Walling reporting the completion of the Junior parade unit and their plans for uniforms. Bill Pray, Irv Hansen, Don Schwimley and Heber Brown were named to assist Mrs. Walling in the selection of shirts and hats. Mrs. Walling reported that she has obtained Mary Lou Hutton to instruct the Junior group in the English division and Jim Black as the Western instructor. Dr. LeDonne will serve as the veterinarian.

Heber Brown reported 476 paid-up members to date and suggested that 100% ban-

ners be used again this year.

Under new business the group voted that M.H.A. spend up to \$250 on the development of the trail to Leona Park-Hillcrest

The board held its meeting at the new home of President and Mrs. Jim Myers who climaxed their hospitality with a sumptuous buffet lunch.

Always remember that your M.H.A. membership card is your passport to good times and good fellowship.

#### HARRY ROWELL INJURED WHILE ON POSSE RIDE

Harry Rowell, Dublin Canyon rancher and well-known rodeo producer, is reported recovering from injuries received when he was thrown from his horse, while on a week-end trip with the Alameda

County Sheriff's Posse.

Rowell, leading the ride to his mountain cabin in the isolated mountains in southeastern Alameda county, had left the other members of the party while searching for a horse belonging to Ray Morris which had wandered off in the dense fog.

In the darkness Rowell's horse, "Mickey" stumbled at the edge of a hillside, with the rider pitched off 450 feet down a deep embankment. Dazed by the fall, the injured man managed to crawl up the 75 foot embankment on the opposite side of the ravine where he laid and waited for

Three members of a searching party, Rod Williams, Art Palmer, captain of the posse, and Gil Aschom, found him three hours later suffering intense pain. Williams, Chris Hansen and Fred Schleiper made a four hour ride to Sunol through the fog to summon help while others of the group built fires to warm the injured rider. A heavy rainstorm had set in and it was early morning before a rescue party, with medicine, arrived back at the scene. The return trip to the Livermore hospital which took more than two hours was made by a jeep truck. Examination showed Rowell suffering from a broken shoulder, and a 5-inch gash on his forehead. Latest reports from the hospital indicate that he may have to undergo surgery for his injuries.

Other members of the posse returned home without continuing their week-end

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#### WEDDING JUNE 1

This is what might be called a real "horsey" romance for it started when Miss Elsie Mesquita met Lee Fowler, when the latter was a reporter for the California Horseman. At that time Lee was doing a series of articles on "Equestrian Personalities" and through Mrs. Margarete Phelps he was introduced to Elsie.

Now we learn the wedding is to be solemnized on Wednesday evening, June 1, at Sequoia Country club, with Mrs. Phelps as matron of honor. Lee will have Wilbur Rogers as best man.

Both popular members of the Leona Riders, the bride-elect is the daughter of Peter P. Mesquita, of the General Engineering & Dry Dock Company, of San Francisco, and Mrs. A. W. Cavanaugh, of Oakland.

A reception will follow the ceremony and later the couple will leave for a honeymoon at Parasio, Hot Springs. Upon their return they will establish their home in Berkeley.

Lee also rides with the Berkeley Hills Riding Club.

A girl is often like a typewriter—if you press the wrong spots you get bad words.

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#### WELCOME HOME, KING

King, a nine-year-old gelding, owned by Mrs. Elaine Fellows, 5700 Ealboa Drive, Oakland, has recently been located and returned to his owner after a five months' absence.

Believed stolen, the horse turned up missing on December 3 of last year when he disappeared from his pasture near Oak Knoll hospital.

Nine days later he was purchased in good faith by Miss Mickey McGarr, of Englewood, at a Hayward horse auction.

According to Miss McGarr he was so covered with ticks that she named him "Tick" and sent him to Napa county for winter pasture. Recently she brought him to Golden Gate Fields where she has been using him to shepherd temperamental race horses during their daily exercise at the track.

After seeing an advertisement in The Horseman, reporting the loss of the horse, Miss McGarr contacted Mrs. Fellows who lost no time in going out to Golden Fields. Those present for the reunion reported that it was very easy to see that King recognized his rightful owner for immediately upon

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seeing Mrs. Fellows the horse trotted up to her and began nodding his head.

Alameda county law enforcement officers are making an investigation into the probable theft and subsequent sale at the auction

Editor's note: While the advertisement concerning the loss of the horse also appeared in the Trail Blazer we understand that it was the same ad, appearing in the Horseman that reached Miss McGarr. We regret that we can't take credit for restoring King to his owner. A story, omitted from the May issue due to lack of space, told of information gleaned by Mr. Fellows during the search for the horse. It concerned the fact that anyone losing a horse should immediately report it to the sheriff's office at Sacramento where facilities are available for just such cases. Legislature is also underway to alleviate such thefts, and much interest is being manifested in the local incident.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF C.S.H.A. BOARD MEETING

At a meeting of the California State Horsemen's Association in San Francisco, May 14, the following transactions took place:

Class for Cutting Horses at Convention: Discussion showed that it was an expensive class to hold; especially for small shows and eliminations, but should be held at convention. Some shows have already had their classes on this and have Blue Ribbon winners. One Blue Ribbon Cutting horse for each region, by region elimination.

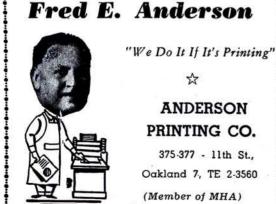
Drill Teams: It was moved by Art Phillips, and seconded by Fred Anderson, that seniors compete only with seniors and juniors with juniors. One of each group from each region. Deadline for entries is Sept. 25, and must be reported to the show committee Oct. 1, so that each team competing will be informed in which horse show at convention they will appear.

Parade judging rules will be somewhat simplified for it has been found that there have been too many duplications in classes. It was decided that a committee be appointed to go into parade judging rules and classifications and report their findings to the executive committee.

It was decided that all members of teams competing in any blue ribbon show must be from the same club.

Jack Richards' resolution regarding judging of horse shows was brought before the board. According to the committee's report upon original presentation of resolution, it was decided to allow that report to stand, and no further action was taken. There will be no change in the rules or recommendations made to horse show judging.

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#### With the Leona Riders

Motion pictures were a feature of the regular meeting of the Leona Riders, held May 6 at Sequoia lodge. The program included the films, The Horse Farm, Driving Mallets, Here Comes Malicious, Blue Bloods, and Dude Ranches in Yellowstone Park.

Several guests were present in addition to the members. They were Dr. and Mrs. Louison and their three children; Mr. and Mrs. W. Atkinson, Dorothy Kahler, Miss Presser and Bucky Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stewart Paul, Noni and Joan Nichols, Miss Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson.

The club is looking forward to some movies of their own horse show, held on May 8 at Miss Graham's ring. Inclement weather forced all of the judging to take place during the afternoon but in spite of the rain it was a nice show and ran smoothly enabling all riders to finish in time to get their horses home before dark. Tedda Beyler served as manager, assisted by Joyce Galeno. Mrs. Anita B. Court and Nancy Aiken, both of San Francisco, were judges. The show was followed by a dinner at Don and Ann's.

Bill Atkinson, of Alamo, served as announcer of the show, with Joyce Atkinson, also of Alamo, as the ring clerk. The loud speaker was donated by Willis Nuttall, and the jumping course was set up by Charles Hall. George Walling was present to lend a hand whenever needed and Kay Walling was in charge of arm bands.

High point rider of the day and champion of the show was 16-year-old Inez Thompson, with a score of 30 points. Reserve champion of the show was 14-year-old Barbara Alberts, with a score of 26 points.

Results were as follows:

First, Leona Three Phase—Janice Kenyon on Rhadar; second, Corrine Smith on Bengal Tiger; third, Barbara Alberts on Bad Penny; fourth, Tedda Beyler on What-Storm; fifth, Inez Thompson on Magic.

Weanlings: First, Raahnie, Evelyn Cummings; second, Rhythm's Golden Genius, Bea McKechnie; third, Playboy, Evelyn Evander; fourth, La Corbra Morgan, Madelynne Klant; fifth, Rajah, Dorothy Kaehler. Colts: First, La Forza del Destino, Chas.

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Trail Class (Western): First, Waspy, Walter Leatham; second, Rabbit, Tiny Black; third, Bad Penny, Barbara Alberts; fourth, Honey, Carolyn Krickau; fifth, Mr. Sox, Dorothy Kaehler.

Jumpers: First, with a perfect go was Burma Road ridden by Sylvia King; second, Elector Kid, Hampton Ford; third, Valeroso Mio, owned by Ed Hill and ridden by Bob Lorimer.

Saddlebred Pleasure: First, De Neze, Blanche Paul; second, Rhythm's Juanita; Bea McKechnie; third, Bengal Tiger, Corrine Smith; fourth, Mischief, Nina Curley: fifth, Omar Khayyam, Inez Thompson.

No Girth:First, Magic, Inez Thompson; second, Bad Penny, Barbara Alberts; third, Bengal Tiger, Corrine Smith; fourth, Tarda,

Berle Johnstone.

Stock: First, Waspy, Walter Leatham; second, Rabbit, Jim Black; third, White Fox, Ivan Myers; fourth, Tony, Johnny Curry;

fifth, Tarda, Berle Johnstone.

Teams: First, Jack Simons, Floyd Jacop, Frank Kelly; second, Evelyn Evander, Inez Thompson, Tedda Beyler; third, Joyce Galeno, Barbara Alberts, Lee Fowler; fourth, Bill Barnard, Corrine Smith, Jim Wheeler; fifth, Archie Brown, Stan Cosca, Ted Sciacqua.

Broom polo was won by the team composed of Lee Fowler, Joyce Galena, Ronnie

Dunniway, Jim Wheeler.

#### With The Boots and Jeans

The riding groups are having a more than busy May and June, with drills every Thursday evening at Miss Graham's ring and commitments practically every weekend.

The parade unit participated in the Castro Valley Fair parade on May 14. The Square dance group performed at the Woodside show on May 22.

June 5 will find the Boots and Jeans' groups at Alameda for the Centennial parade. June 11 and 12, the Parade and Square dance teams will be featured in the Saturday and Sunday shows as an Arena event.

The group is proud of Rahanie, Dutch Cummings' Arabian filly, for placing on top and taking the blue in a large class of weanlings at the Leona Rider's show on May 8.

#### At The Green Barn

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, who stable their horses at the Green Barn, have just returned from an extended trip through the Eastern states. George Daniels purchased a black western saddle in Phoenix, Arizona, and a new car in the east.

Roy Fefley brought his horse, Copper, in from pasture last month and is doing quite a bit of riding these days. Both are getting in shape for some of the rides Roy intends taking this summer.

Pete Little is exercising Modoc regularly. We all know Pete and Roy take in the Sonoma and Frontier Boys' rides.

Mr. A. Weaver recently purchased a beautiful golden chestnut gelding from Don Nickelson, named Jubilee Royal. He is a registered Morgan and a brother of Jubilee Gold.

Jack Swanson, who is attending the California Arts and Crafts, owns three fine horses. His outstanding Quarter horse stallion, Amigo, is three years old. Jack's thoroughbred mare, Rocket, will have a foal in June by Amigo. Last but not least of his horses is the nine-month-old filly Marianna, sired by Topper.

Prentiss Monson hopes to be again riding Chico by June. Prent had the misfortune to break his ankle bone. We won't embarrass him by telling how he broke it, but we assure you it was not Chico's fault.

Edith Roberts is planning a week's vacation the middle of May at Forest Hills Ranch. Judy White and Little Shaver can be seen nearly every day out on the trails and Jean Finney says in another month she will be riding Sandy every day too. Now if we could just get Armetta Maxwell out occasionally we would all be happy, including her mare, Lady.

Maybe you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear: but many a slick chick gets a mink coat out of an old goat.

#### At the Oakland

The Oakland Academy's drill team voted to function as the Brigadiers, and are planning an initiation for new members in the near future. They hope to participate in many of the shows this fall.

The Oakland was happy to receive a visit from Nancy Danielson and her outstanding thoroughbred, Sir John Edwin. They were in Oakland for a day after attending the Concord Hunter Trials. Sir John won first in Green Hunters and third in Thoroughbred Hunters at the Concord Show.

The Oakland has three new comers to the stable. The fine pleasure horse Chief, a chestnut Arabian, and Gypsy, a Pinto, which belong to Mr. and Mrs. Rezzaghi. Also there is the beautiful horse which belongs to Velanne Elliott.

Johnny Shumaker won second in the pleasure class at the Mills College Show, with his good mare Honey Bunny. Ed Hill won fourth place in the pleasure class at Mills, riding Mrs. Hills' horse, Valeroso Mio.

Don't forget our two shows — the all Western show on May 29th and the English show on Monday, May 30th.

#### Wagon Wheel Ranch

Ted Talstram, formerly associated with the Pinto Ranch, is now in charge of the Wagon Wheel and has acquired some nice new riding horses as well as a big team for hay rides.

Boarders at the ranch include Chico, a Palomino owned by Esther Silva; a chestnut, who answers to the name of Sugar, and a sorrel, Thunderhead, both owned by Reese Silva; Rex, a saddlebred, the property of Sgt. Bob Randal, U.S. Navy; Rip, a bay belonging to Bob Sayegh, of Alameda; Jeanie, a sorrel and Joker, a bay, owned by Joe Simmson, of Oakland, and Melody, a bay, whose owner is Kakie Hollywood, of Alameda.

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#### At Cressmount

Now that Spring trail rides are well started, Cressmounters have had much use for the new gates installed by Metropolitan Horsemen's Association Trails committee, under the guidance of Jim Myers and Bill Senecal. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Jim and Bill for them.

Cressmounters are proud of Upson Downs' showing at the recent Concord Hunter Trials. Lorraine Harris did a wonderful job by winning reserve champion-ship with Co-Ed Amber; Mary Lou Hutton placed second in Touch and Out with Duffle Bag, and Barbara Bangs won a second and fifth with Indian in Cross Country events.

Cressmount's May calendar of events has been a full one with the Shongehon initiation on May 13th; the Anna Head gymkhana the 15th; Crop and Saddle gymkhana the 18th, and Upson Downs Hunter Trials on the 29th.

#### **Upson Downs**



The first phase of Inter - County Hunter trials will be held May 29, on the Upson Downs Hunt course. Members have been working for weeks preparing the course and many spectators are expected to attend. Cressmount has

long been known for its fine Hunter Trials and is ideally suited to such an event. Winifred Johnson, Upson Downs president and manager of the show, assisted by her able crew of workers, has planned a series of classes in the ring as well as on the outside course which should afford plenty of excitement. Pat Gorie, heading the trophy committee, has had wonderful cooperation from merchants and individuals. Among the donors are Olsen Nolte, Keystone Saddle Company, Texdahl & Johnston Sporting Goods, John Thiel, L. W. Mitchell, Barbara Bechtel and Cornelia Cress.

Judge for the day will be Clyde Kennedy, of Southern California. Field judges are R. W. Decker, Mrs. E. Bancroft Towne and Lewis Helm; clerk, Lorraine Harris; scorekeeper, Virginia Abel and announcer, Earl Hansen.

Classes include green working hunters, green hunters, children's hunters, open working hunters, open hunters, team of three working hunters and road hacks.

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Neighborhood Show

The first Neighborhood show, held April 24, proved to be a rollicking success, with all joining in the fun. Much credit is due Lorraine Harris for her fine job in managing the affair and in planning a program in which all riders participated. The committee working with her included the following Bridoons, Judy Benford, Egon Ferrell, Juanita Gray, Rose Kraft, Julia Laub and Jim Peterson. Due to this splendid management the show was a success in many ways. It pleased the riders, entertained an over-crowded grandstand of spectators through the last act and made an \$85.00 contribution to the Umbrella fund. (the improvement fund).

Officials were Barbara Bechtel, judge; Marilyn Smith, ring clerk; Barbara and Dar Labarthe, ribbons; Willis Nuttall, Bud Bahnsen, Lionel Mitchell and J. W. Boswell, ring crew; Robert McCarty, announcer; Phyllis Thiel, music, and Judy Laub and Judy Benson, entries and num-

Special event was an exhibition of Bea McKechnie's lovely saddlebred mare, Juanita's Rhythm, and her foal, Rhythm's Golden Genius. Thanks, Bea, for your part in the program. It was a treat for us all.

Results of the show follow: Western pairs, (1) Dorothy Tarr and Dr. Mary M. Castle; (2) Win Johnson and Pat Gorie; (3) Karen Anderson and Adele Olker. Musical kegs, Linda Lorimer deserved a hand for wrestling the two boys from St. Francis, George Erickson and Henry Busco. (The boys finally won, but only after a struggle).

Western trail, Joan Munson, on Cindy Lou; English pleasure, Judy Benford, on Elko; Hack pairs, Pat Gorie and Barbara Bangs; Open Jumpers, Dede Brandes, on Co-ed Amber; Seat & Hands Over jumps, Bob McCarty on Killarney; Children's jumpers, Vandra Rosendahl; Teams of Four, The Bit & Spur group.

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#### Bit and Spur

Bit & Spur's annual closed show was opened to other colleges with organized riding groups for the first time Sun., May 8. Colleges participating were Mills, San Francisco Junior College, San Mateo Junior College, Stanford, California and Napa Junior College. Officials for the day follow: Judges for English division, Mrs. E. Bancroft Towne and R. W. Decker; judging Western events ,Eugene L. Southard; judging clinic events, Barbara Bangs and Pat Gorie. Ring clerk, J. W. Boswell, Jr.; Ribbon clerk, Harriet Harper; number clerk, Eliz Shohr; announcer, Bob McCarty, Herald Dar La Barthe; paddock clerk, Winifred Johnson and music, Barbara Labarthe.

Luncheon was served to officials and riders. Proceeds from concessions went to the World Student Service Fund. Much credit is due to Dar Labarthe, member of Pegasus Patrol, who has been official hornblower for Cressmount.Although Dar doesn't have the array of horns used by Mr. Harold Collinson, he can toot the riders in and out with the ease of a veteran.

Special features were a square dance by the Bit & Spur led by Cecil Moore and Mary Lou Hutton. Other specials included Hunt teams on the Upson Downs Course. The riders first rode in tandem, formation, pairs, unicorn and presented a colorful scene on the hill. Upson Downs team: Pat Gorie riding Gunga Doon; Barbara Bangs on Killarney, and Betty Yaw on Adobe. Shongehon team: Pat Brandes on Duffle; Dede Brandes on Indian and Ann Conwell on Peter Patch.

Winners were: Seat and Hands over jumps: (1) Charlotte Baldwin on Adobe; (2) Eliz Shohr, Noah; (3) Judy Hill, (4) Pat Thompson, Peter Patch. Jumpers: (1) Betty Yaw, Indian; (2) Barbara Black, Peter Patch; (3) Robin Norton, El Toro; (4) Charlotte Baldwin, Duffle. Advanced Equitation: (1) Betty Yaw, Valentine; (2) Barbara Black, Adobe; (3) Pat Thompson, Trinity Tim. Leading Pairs, Bit & Spur rider mounted leading visiting rider, (1) Betty Yaw and Joan Wurtele; (2) Sally Moyer and Pat Thompson; (3) Zoe Desloges & Ellen Mitchell. Western Trail: (1) Karl Walters, (2) Dean Eyre, (3) Elizabeth Krammer, (4) Bob Ellis. Intermediate Equitation: (1) Gale Martin, Peter Patch; (2) Helen Kessler, Killarney; (3) Betty Sheppard, Valentine; (4) Robert Ott, Stonewall Jackson. Pleasure Horses: (1) Judy Hills, (2) Sally Moyer, Peter Patch; (3) Carolyn Frisbee, Killarney; (4) Judy Whipple. Musical Kegs won by Dean Eyre.

The annual Bit & Spur Championship Equitation Perpetual Trophy went to Betty Yaw, riding Valentine, and Reserve Championship to Barbara Black, on Kyack.

A Flagola contest between Cressmount riders and a Stanford team, using polo ponies, was won by Cressmounters, Mary Lou Hutton, Barbara Bangs, Cecil Moore and Helen Shafer. Mary Lou Hutton on Kyack put on an exhibition of how not to jump by taking her jumps riding back-wards. which proved to be a novel sight. Mills riders were the victors of the meet with most points. Runners-up: Stanford, San Mateo and S. F. Junior College.

#### The Bridoons

After a somewhat inactive period during the winter months, the Bridoons are back in the saddle again and riding high. The group met at the San Francisco Riding School for a 2-hour ride through Golden Gate Park and along the beach, which in spite of a rather foggy Sunday morning, was as perfect an outing as we could wish for. The ride by the ocean was a new experience for some of us, and as everyone agreed, it was just about tops for thrills and fun. A repeat performance is scheduled for the very near future.

At the generous invitation of Peace Alverez, we all met at her lovely home in San Francisco for a sumptous "brunch" after the ride. Many thanks to Mrs. Alverez for a wonderful breakfast, and thanks also to the Draper Ranch for those delicious "home-grown" eggs.

It was good to see so many of our mem-bers together again, back in the swing of old-time Bridoon goodfellowship and fun. We missed not seeing a few familiar faces though, and hope that next time everyone can be with us.



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#### With the Lari-ettes

The Lari-ettes welcome two new members into our group. They are Mrs. Nina Stearn and Mrs. Isabel Pfeiffer.

Ruby Welch, our president, did alright on her Pinto horse, Ribbon, at Clements where she took a first in Pinto class; and a second in Western Pleasure; at Dixon she took a third in Trail class, and at Booneville she was awarded a second in color and a third in the Trail class. Geneva Menicucci took a second at Dixon in the Palomino class on her quarter horse filly, Hi-Heels.

Joan Munson's quarter horse filly, Cindy Lou, is making her place in the local show world. She took first at Mills in the Trail class; first in Trail class at Sonoma and, at Booneville, she was awarded first in the breeding class, first in the Trail class, and first in Pleasure.

The Lari-ettes are planning on taking part in the Alameda Centennial day pa-

Norma Burton, our gal who has the hunters and jumpers, took a third at Antioch on Sportsman, one of the Logue horses.

#### At the Private Stables

Rhythm's Rhapsody, Mrs. Blanche Paul's beautiful saddlebred colt, is viewing his new ring with satisfaction. A bulldozer was brought in and the hillside smoothed off so the little fellow would have a place to learn the three R's of being a saddle horse,

as well as how to pull a cart.

The Bruce Evanders have recently moved to a new home on Robinson Drive. They have plenty of room for their thoroughbred horses, Beechwood, Sir Kipling, and the ten-month-old colt, Playboy. Playboy, who has a blaze and four white feet was very pleased to be taken to the Leona Riders show where he won a ribbon. He is a beautiful little fellow and will no doubt make a fine hunter when he is grown. Since he has been weaned Sir Kipling has taken to being his guardian, while the handsome harlequin Great Dane spends most of his time playing with the colt.

Hampton Ford's registered Saddlebred mare, Mandalay, recently foaled a bay colt by Pandora's Supreme. The colt has tentatively been named Mandora Warrior.

#### At the Pinto Ranch

Calf roping is on the program at the Pinto Ranch these days with a nice group of boys and girls showing interest in the sport. Work will begin in earnest when we are able to find some suitable steers.

Audrey Anderson is the owner of a beau-tiful new Palomino stallion. Pearl Leibl is the proud owner of a nice mannered buckskin trail horse, in foal to her Palomino stallion, Don Keno.

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A last-minute news story that we feel must reach the readers, and quick, is an-nouncement that the Leona Riders voted at their last board meeting to sponsor paid up members of their association who are members of the M.H.A. Junior parade unit. The only stipulation is they must have been in regular attendance at all Leona Riders meetings.

At the present time this takes in four young members, Ronnie Dunniway, Bill Bernard, Corr ne Smith and Inez Thompson.

Why not let this be an idea for other riding groups? They wouldn't necessarily have to have members that were juniors, either. They could just sponsor some member of the newly organized parade unit as one of their projects. It would be a grand gesture!

#### **BUMPER STRIPS NOW AVAILABLE**

Following the procedure of previous years, bumper strips heralding the coming M.H.A. show are now ready for car owners.

According to Hampton Ford, in charge of out-of-door advertising, these strips have proved a most successful medium of advertising in the past and members are urged to display them.

Leading the list of those inviting drivers to stop in and have the bumper strips put on is the Don Marquis Union Service station, at College and Claremont, where genial "Rube" Rubenstein will be on hand to personally install them.

Other locations where the strips can be obtained are Hiker's Rest, Don's and Ann's, the Lew Helm's Riding Stables, Miss Graham's Riding Academy, Tex's Leather Shop, at 35th and McArthur Blvd., the Starr Saddle Shop, the Capitol Theater, the Oakland Riding Academy, and the Playboy Smoke Shop, 5821 Foothill Blvd.

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#### NINA JANE SUSAN HAS NEW COLT

"I've just arrived from baby-land" (P.S. My dam is doing grand) was the news Nina Jane Susan sent to her friends last month in a clever little announcement that bore a cut-out of a colt being carried by the traditional long-legged bird. Decorations on the front of the announcement featured a horse shoe, brush, stock, etc.

The card further announced that "I made my debut on April 10, my dam is Miss Q, my sire, Solomon King, my new home, 5701 Leona street, Oakland, and my foster parent, Nina Jane Susan".

Very unique, Nina Jane, and we are glad that we got to see one. Congratulations.

#### Birds of a Feather

A long suffering husband entered heaven. He noticed quite a group of animals—beavers, foxes, otters, seals, etc. shivering in their smooth skin and looking at him intently.

"Why are you all looking at me?" he

asked them.

"It's just that we are the animals that are skinned for your wife's furs," explained one seal.

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Or are you like some of the people we have heard about that joined late in 1948 and feel that it is rather an imposition to ask for dues again in 1949?

We feel that you all want to keep up on affairs in your association and the best way to do that is to read your Trail Blazer. Well, folks, this is the last month that you will receive it unless you are a paid up member. And too, we feel that you will enjoy the coming show a little bit more if you can say that it is truly your association putting it on. Then there is the matter of the trails. You know, without being reminded again, that a portion of your dues goes to that worthy cause. All of this, and we haven't said a word about your membership in the California State Horsemen's association, which is automatically a share of your local membership, or the state bulletin, "The Horseman", which comes to you every month.

And there is so much more in the future. You have seen progress in our horse arena, and you also know that a clubhouse of our own is in the offing.

Better get those dues in soon, folks. We don't want to be the one to say "You'll be sorry" . . . but we think you will.

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### LANDSBOROUGH-SMITH WEDDING ANNOUNCED

Congratulations are in order! Friends have learned of the marriage of Miss Marilyn Smith to Leonard Landsborough which took place early this month in Nevada. The young couple will reside in Oakland.

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#### We've Always Wondered -

What happens to race tracks in off-season months? True, they do quiet down a bit after the last \$2 bettor has cashed his ticket, but there remains a hum of activity at many tracks, with events ranging from kiteflying contests to soap box derbies.

Some tracks are the scene for annual flower shows. At Narragansett Park the seven-day Shriner's Circus is held for the benefit of crippled children. Other charity events include a benefit horse show held at Garden State Park for the West Jersey Hospital.

The California International Flower Show was held this spring at Hollywood Park, and if current plans materialize, Tanforan will be used for community-sponsored concerts.

Pure-bred cattle and livestock shows are held at Ak-Sar-Ben, Timonium, and Keeneland. Belmont Park, Churchill Downs, Santa Anita, and other tracks are hosts to outings of church groups, the Boy Scouts, and the Y.M.C.A. Belmont Park has provided two playgrounds on property adjoining its grounds, and has recently opened a new 16-acre parking field as a play area during the off season.

In addition to the use of its track for truck rodeos and parade formations, Hollywood Park's grandstand, before it was destroyed by fire recently was used for mail storage and sorting space by the local post office during the Christmas rush. In Florida, Hialeah Park, known for its flowers, is open the year around.

"Doctor, would you suggest horseback riding for the week end?"

"Yes, it will strengthen the hip muscles."

#### AMERICAN SADDLE HORSES

The early residents of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia found horses with easy gaits to be the most desirable to ride over plantations, semi-mountainous grazing farms, and on long journeys. In the preference for such gaits they laid the foundation for and promoted the pioneer development of the American Saddle horse. Sections, of Missouri also soon took up the breeding of easy-gaited saddle horses, and today this State ranks next to the mother state (Kentucky) in the production of high-class individuals.

Thoroughbred, Morgan, and Canadian blood form the basis for this breed. The American Saddle Horse Breeders' Association recognized the following horses as foundation stock of the breed previous to April 10, 1908: Denmark, by Imported Hedgeford; John Dillard; Brinker's Drennon; Sam Booker, Tom Hal; Coleman's Eureka; Van Meter's Waxy; Cabell's Lexington; Copperbottom; Stump-the-Dealer; Texas; Prince Albert; Peter's Halcorn; Varnon's Roebuck and Davy Crockett. At present Denmark alone is recognized as foundation stock.

The chief distinguishing characteristics of the American Saddle horse are the gaits which are known as the rack or single-foot (a rather fast, cultivated gait intermediate in movement between the trot and pace), the fox trot, the running walk, and the slow pace (the last three being commonly referred to as the slow gaits, any one of them being accepted as the slow gait of a five-gaited saddle horse). The other gaits demanded in a horse of this type are the canter, the trot, and the walk.

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The husband dutifully replied, "Whenever he goes outdoors."

A Des Moines, Iowa, home owner, wearing his oldest clothes, was mowing his lawn, when a woman in a fine car stopped and asked him: "What do you get for mowing lawns?"

"The lady who lives here lets me sleep with her," replied the home owner.

The lady in the car, without comment, drove away.

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If a buttercup is yellow then a hiccup must be burple!

#### REGIONAL MEETING, JULY 9th MT. DIABLO TRAILS RIDE ASSOCIATION, CONCORD

Under the direction of Geo. Cardinet, Jr., the third Regional Meeting will be held at the Mt. Diablo Trails Rides Assn. Grounds

in Concord, California.

This event will be outstanding, covering two days, Saturday, July 9th and Sunday the 10th. The Program will consist of Play day on Saturday, a steak barbecue Saturday evening, followed by the Regional meeting that night. On Sunday a Trail ride has been arranged by the Mt. Diablo group. Facilities for over-night camping are in preparation for horsemen and riders, so it is well to set this date aside and plan to attend. All members of the M.H.A. are eligible to attend.

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